

Amendment to the Claims:

In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format, a complete listing of claims is provided herein.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing an entitled price in an electronic transaction, comprising:

electronically sending by a requestor a request for an entitled price based on a preexisting entitlement from a public electronic environment;

automatically routing the request to a private electronic environment;

obtaining the entitled price within the private electronic environment while the requestor waits; and

automatically returning the entitled price from the private electronic environment to the public electronic environment for providing to the requestor.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the public electronic environment comprises a front end application, wherein the private electronic environment comprises a back end Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application, wherein the electronically sending comprises electronically sending by the requestor the request via the front end application, wherein the automatically routing comprises automatically routing the request to the ERP application, wherein the obtaining comprises obtaining the entitled price from the ERP application while the requestor waits, and wherein the automatically returning comprises automatically returning the entitled price from the ERP application to the front end application for providing to the requestor.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the automatically routing and the automatically returning are accomplished at least in part by messaging middleware.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the messaging middleware comprises MQSERIES and the ERP application comprises SAP.

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